WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Explosives detained at IGI airport

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that **a** truck carrying detonators and large amount of explosive was detained at gate No. 17 of the I.G.I airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether investigation was conducted to ascertain the purpose for which that truck gained entry in the airport premises and if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) what action had been taken against the person who brought that truck with explosive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) On 12.6.2005, **a** truck bearing Registration No. HR-55B-1208 was detained by CISF staff at gate No. 15 of IGI Airport. A plastic gunny bag containing 69 detonators, 15 meters fuse wire and white substance weighing approx. 10.7 Kg. was concealed under the seat of the driver.

(c) and (d) From the investigation conducted so far, it is revealed that the truck was engaged by a sub-contractor of the Contractor, who was awarded contract by Airports Authority of India for levelling and grading of the side strip and mound at North of the main runway. It is further revealed that explosive substance was meant for levelling and grading of side strip and mound the north of main runway. However, the contractor/sub-contractor did not have license to possess and use explosive material. A case has been registered under the Explosive Substance Act at Police Station IGI Airport Terminal-ll, New Delhi. Accused driver has been arrested and legal action initiated against all others found criminally liable during the course of further investigation.